Expansion of SSP	-Rs. 1553 cr
Submerged Arc Furnance at MEL	-Rs. 102 cr

BSP :	Bhilai Steel Plant	ASP :	Alloy Steel Plant
DSP :	Durgapur Steel Plant	SSP :	Salem Steel Plant
RSP :	Rourkela Steel Plant	I S P :	IISCO Steel Plant
VISL :	Visvesvaraya Iron & Steel Plant	BSL :	Bokaro Steel Plant
MEL :	Maharashtra Elektrosmelt Limited		

Possession of Chiria and Rowghat iron ore mines by SAIL

398. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Steel Authority of India Ltd. is facing some problems in getting the possession of Chiria and Rowghat iron ore mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS) : (a) to (c) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) had submitted proposals for renewal of mining leases for Chiria iron ore mines. Three out of six leases are under deemed extension and the other three are under litigation between SAIL and State Government of Jharkhand in the Hon'ble High Court of Jharkhand. Vigorous efforts are being made by SAIL and the Ministry of Steel at various levels to settle the matter amicably.

In case of Rowghat, the matter was taken up by the Ministry of Steel. The Ministry of Mines *vide* their Gazette Notification No. G.S.R 438(E) date 20/7/06 and Corrigendum No. G.S.R 542(E) dated 8/9/06 have reserved the Raodongri in the sub-blocks of Rowghat Deposit in favour of SAIL. The process for grant of mining lease and related statutory clearances is under progress.